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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to applicant priority and grant award amounts
2 under the teach Iowa scholar program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.218, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2024,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. An Iowa resident or nonresident applicant shall be
4 eligible for a teach Iowa scholar grant if the applicant
5 meets all of the criteria specified under, or established in
6 accordance with, subsection 3. Priority shall be given first
7 to applicants who are minority persons and residents of Iowa
8 and then to applicants who are residents of Iowa. A person is
9 ineligible for this program if the person receives a forgivable
10 loan under section 256.219 or loan forgiveness under section
11 256.220. For purposes of this section, "minority person" means
12 the same as defined in section 15.102, subsection 12, paragraph
13 "b".

14 4. A selected applicant who meets all of the eligibility
15 requirements of this section shall be eligible for a teach
16 Iowa scholar grant for each year of full-time employment
17 completed in this state as a teacher for a school district,
18 charter school, area education agency, or accredited nonpublic
19 school. A teach Iowa scholar grant shall not exceed ~~four~~
20 six thousand dollars per year per recipient. Grants awarded
21 under this section shall not exceed a total of ~~twenty~~ thirty
22 thousand dollars per recipient over a five-year period. If a
23 selected applicant has received a federally guaranteed Stafford
24 loan under the federal family education loan program or the
25 federal direct loan program, a federal direct plus loan, or a
26 federal Perkins loan, the selected applicant may elect to have
27 the commission make payment under the program directly to the
28 selected applicant's student loan holder.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill modifies the teach Iowa scholar program to give
33 first priority to applicants who are minority persons and
34 residents of Iowa, with subsequent priority to residents of
35 Iowa, and raises the annual grant limitation from \$4,000 to

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1 \$6,000 and the total grant limitation over a five-year period
2 from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

3 Currently, priority is given to applicants who are residents
4 of Iowa.